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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, please amend the last paragraph beginning on line 27, as follows:

--According to the image database sorting method, the data image texture measuring unit 120 measures a texture of each image stored in the data image DB 110, wherein a texture for each image (static image, hereinafter referred to as a data image or an image) is represented as ~~one digit~~ a digital number obtained by computing the number of edge pixels of an object within the static image. The measured texture is stored in the data image texture DB 130 with the original image (static image). Then, the measured texture values are sorted according to a sorting order. That is, they are sorted in an order ~~their~~ of texture values closest to the numeric value of a newly inputted ~~are closer to a texture inputted in a next time~~. For example, if the newly inputted texture ~~is~~ has a numeric value of 10 and the previously stored texture values are 15, 9, 7 and 20, as the sorting result, the stored texture values are arranged in an order of 9, 7, 15 and 20.--